

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 9, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, March 8, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Rodney Gray, Barry Randell, Reg Butler, Beverly Dyke and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Mouland that the minutes of the meeting held on February 16, 2015, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Snow on Old Day's Pond Boardwalk. It was agreed to have this snow removed.

(2) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

A. Jared Ryder having a Benefits Hockey Game in memory of Marvin Ryder. All proceeds are donated to the Dean Little Fund. It was agreed to donate two hours of ice time at Cabot Stadium for this event.

B. Dr. Ichpal Singh and shortage of doctors in Bonavista. It was agreed to set up a meeting with Dr. Singh to discuss this matter in more detail.

(3) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

A. Staff Parking. Councillor Dyke stated that she has received complaints about staff parking in front of the Town Hall. It was agreed to re-arrange parking in the spring.

B. Premier Paul Davis coming to Bonavista on March 20, 2015. It was agreed to meet with Premier Davis when he is in Bonavista.

C. Bonavista Days 2015. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Butler to observe Bonavista Day 2015 on July 24, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Roger Ball wondering if the High School facilities could be accessed for seniors to exercise in (walking, etc.).

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- B. Winter Carnival. Councillor Mouland stated that he is willing to chair a Winter Carnival Committee so that we can have a Winter Carnival in the winter of 2016. It was agreed by all present for Councillor Mouland to head up this Committee.

(5) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Snow covered fire hydrants. It was agreed to dig out these fire hydrants as soon as possible.
- B. Economic Development in Bonavista. Deputy Mayor Robbins asked how we can encourage economic development for our town.

(6) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Problem with storage shed of Brenda Hobbs which was built too close to her property boundaries on Brown's Hill. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Ms. Hobbs to discuss this matter to try and find a solution to the problem.

A discussion then arose concerning the business arising out of the minutes.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payable. The Chief Financial Officer/Town Clerk presented a list of bills for approval to pay. A copy of this list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray that these bills in the amount of \$52,298.18 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Carolyn Stagg requesting a reduction in her Business Tax for 2015 for her Massage Therapy Clinic since she is only open one weekend a month. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for this Clinic to the minimum of \$150.00 since she is only open one weekend a month. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Crystal Fudge requesting permission to attend a Best Practises Mission Showcasing and Marketing Cultural and Natural Heritage Designations in Perth, Ontario. The cost is \$2,385.90 with 50% paid by ACOA and 25% paid by the Province. The cost to the town would be \$596.48. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to approve this Best Practises Mission for Crystal Fudge. Motion carried unanimously.

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(4) Queens Own Rifles celebrating a 75th. Anniversary at Gander and Botwood in August 2015. A souvenir brochure is being produced to mark the occasion. Ads in this brochure cost from \$125.00 for quarter page to \$280.00 for full page. It was agreed not to avail of this advertising at this time.

(5) Statement of Income and Expenditure for Cabot Stadium for February 2015.

(6) Letter from East Coast Trans Alliance requesting Council to have a flag raising event and meet and greet at the Town Hall on March 31, 2015, in hopes of raising the profile and awareness of trans people and trans issues in Newfoundland. It was agreed that we cannot accommodate this request at this time.

(7) Silver Wings Figure Skating Club requesting a donation from Council both monetary and in kind for their ice show later this year. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Moulard to donate ten hours of ice time at Cabot Stadium to the Figure Skating Club for this event. Motion carried unanimously.

(8) Back page of 2015 Discovery Trail Guide. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Butler to advertise on the back page of this guide for \$2,465.00 plus tax. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.